**Government: Media Survey Name: Date:**

**Read *State of the First Amendment 2011* and answer the questions below.**

1. It is difficult to make a survey reflect the true sentiments of the entire population due to time and resource limitations. What survey strategy did the First Amendment Center use to get the opinions of a sample of the US population?

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1. What is the most well-known freedom from the First Amendment in 2011?
2. Why do you think so few people are aware of other freedoms that the First Amendment guarantees?
3. Is it a problem for our nation if 30% of the population does not know what the First Amendment is? Why or why not?

Question 2

1. Why do you think almost 20% of the population believes the First Amendment gives too many freedoms to citizens of the US?
2. How would you answer this question and why?

Question 3

1. What percent of the population either strongly or mildly agrees that musicians should be free to sing whatever lyrics they choose? Can you think of an example of an artist that might come into question?

Question 4

1. What percent of Americans either strongly or mildly agree that the media reports news without bias? What are your reactions to this number?
2. How did the “strongly disagree” category change between 2004 and 2011? Do you think this is a good or bad sign and why?

Question 5

1. What does this question mean by media” watchdog?”
2. Overall, do Americans think the media has a responsibility to the nation? Do you think this is important to a democracy?

Question 7

1. What are your reactions to the survey results about high school newspapers?

Question 8

1. If you were surveyed, how would you respond to this question? Explain your reasoning.

Question 9

1. How many people either strongly or mildly agree with the statement from this question?
2. Why is it important for the media to be able to keep a source confidential?
3. Why could this be dangerous?

Questions 10-12

1. Out of these three questions, which response did you find the most surprising?

Question 13

1. How would you answer this question and why?
2. Do you trust national or local news sources more? Explain your reasoning.